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TO AMEMBASSY RABAT
INFO AMCONSUL CASABLANCA
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AMEMBASSY TUNIS

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FROM OPIC

E.O. 11652:N/A

TAGS: EFIN

SUBJECT:VISIT BY OPIC OFFICER (MARCH 12-21)

1. REQUEST EMBASSY CONCURRENCE VISIT BY OPIC FINANCE
OFFICER BRIAN W. TREADWELL INCLUSIVE DATES FOR PURPOSE OF
OPIC PROMOTION AND PROJECT IDENTIFICATION ACTIVITIES.
ITINERARY WOULD INCLUDE VISITS TO CASABLANCA BUSINESS COM-
MUNITY, RABAT GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, AND TANGIERS INDUSTRIAL
FREE ZONE. REQUEST EMBASSY ADVICE SUITABLE TIME THAT
SHOULD BE SPENT IN EACH LOCALE.

2. FOR RABAT: WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY ASSIST IN SETTING
UP MEETINGS IN RABAT WITH HEADS OF ODI, BNDE (WOULD EMBASSY
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CONFIRM THAT MUSTAPHA FARIS HAS BEEN REPLACED AS PDG BY
ABDELKADER BENSLIMANE FORMER FINANCE MINISTER?) AND
INVESTORS WELCOME SERVICE. ADDITIONAL MEETINGS WOULD IN-
CLUDE MIN OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, AND OTHERS WHICH
EMBASSY FEELS IS APPROPRIATE TO ASSESSING INVESTMENT
CLIMATE.

3. FOR CASABLANCA: WILL TOM GREENE BE AT POST? TREADWELL WOULD LIKE TO RENEW OPIC'S CONTACTS ALSO WITH RFA FOLSOM, AND LOCAL BUSINESSMEN SUCH AS HASSAN GUESSOUSS (EDIBLE OILS) AND KAMIL BENJELLOUM (FISHERIES MAGNATE). ARE THERE

ANY OTHER MOROCCAN JOINT VENTURE PARTNERS THAT CONGEN HAS PRE-SCREENED THAT OPIC SHOULD MEET? ALSO WOULD LIKE TO MEET ANY U.S. BANKERS.

4. FOR TANGIERS: TREADWELL WOULD LIKE TO STUDY FREE PORT CONCEPT AND COMPARE BENEFITS ACCORDED FOREIGN INVESTORS VIS-A-VIS EXPORT ZONES OFFERED BY TUNISIA, SENEGAL AND LIBERIA.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY MAKING HOTEL BOOKINGS AS APPROPRIATE. HAVE REQUESTED TRAVEL CASABLANCA FROM TUNIS 12 MARCH VIA TU 711 AND ONWARD TRAVEL TO DAKAR ON 21 MAR VIA AT 959. WILL ADVISE WHEN TRAVEL IS CONFIRMED. VANCE

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